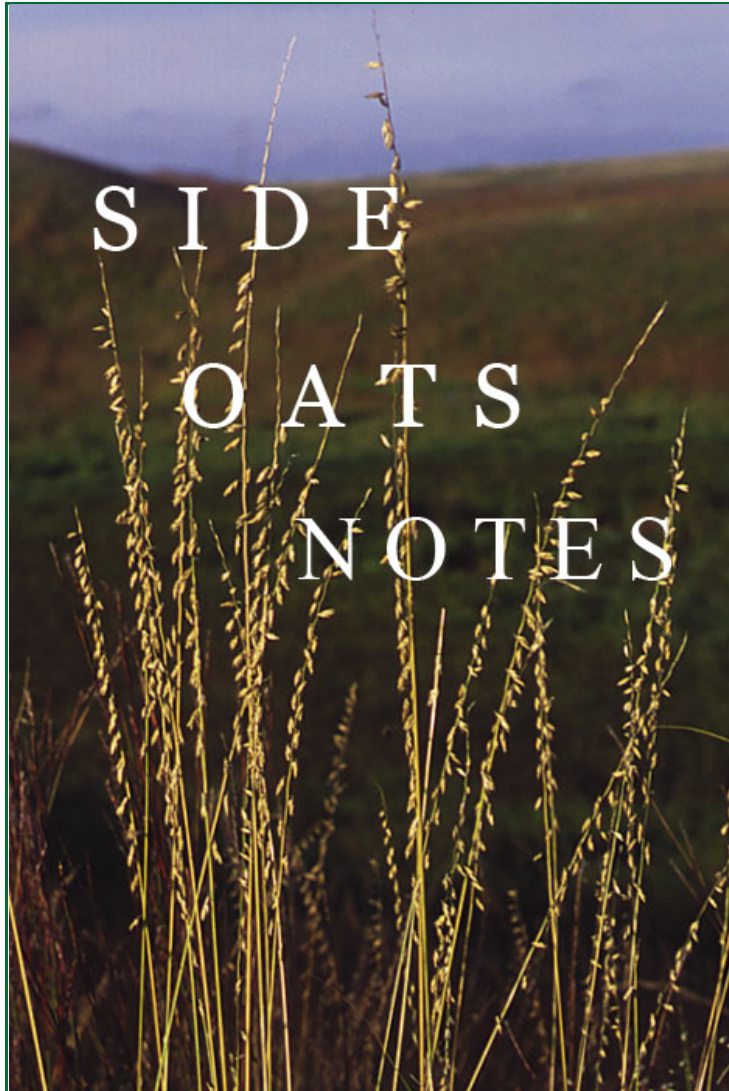


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**A newsletter by the
Prairie Oaks
Chapter of
the Texas Master
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The Texas Master Naturalist Program's mission is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the State of Texas.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Celebrating 25 years of the Texas Master Naturalist Program!

[Read about the program's impact and the 25th anniversary Storytelling project.](#)

[Full Calendar of Events and Speakers](#)



[Notes from the President: Summer 2023](#)

By: Katie Moses In an effort to spend more time exploring this beautiful state that we call home, I set a goal for myself at the start of the year... [Read More →](#)



[The Nature Center After 2022](#)

By: Marsha Stephens (with contributions from Nature Center committee members, listed at the end of this article) First, a huge thank you to all who invested sweat equity (and new... [Read More →](#)

[Happy 25th Anniversary to the Texas Master Naturalist Program!](#)

In 2022, Texas Master Naturalists reached over 289,969 youth, adults, and private land owners. This is more than 6.864 million people to date. Service hours in 2022 were valued at... [Read More →](#)

[Congrats to our 2023 training class graduates and initial certifications!](#)

12 Tarleton students and 7 community members completed initial training. 4 of the Tarleton students achieved initial certification. 7 community members completed initial training: 12 Tarleton students completed initial training.... [Read More →](#)

[Member Spotlight: Janet Dawson](#)

By: Janet Dawson Janet is a member of the Prairie Oaks Chapter.

[Exploring nature at Lingleville ISD](#)

Photos by: Doris Hasten This past September, the LISD PTO was awarded a Reaching for Excellence \$10,000 grant from the Texas Department of Health – School Health and Safety. As part... [Read More →](#)

[Thank you to Lynn Wood, our training class director, and Dr. Linda Wood, assistant training class director!](#)

The chapter would like to extend a special thank you to our retiring training class director Dr. Lynn Wood. We appreciate his work in coordinating the training class since 2020.... [Read More →](#)

[Story Time at the Dublin Public Library.](#)

By: Peggy Tolboom Peggy Tolboom and Judy Warner led story time at the Dublin Public Library in May. They sang recognizable children's songs changing the words to

describe nature, using... [Read More →](#)



[Whooo was at Wing Ding?](#)

By: Linda Wood Celebrating 100 years of Texas State Parks has every park holding a big celebration event. Dinosaur Valley State Park held theirs, Wing Ding, on April 15th celebrating... [Read More →](#)



[Kudos: Summer 2023](#)

Kudos for our members who reached milestones from January 1 – May 16, 2023 Initial Certifications: Recertifications:



[Upcoming Events: Summer & Fall 2023](#)

Learn more about our speakers and activities throughout the year.



A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The stars at night are big and bright
Deep in the heart of Texas
The prairie sky is wide and high
Deep in the heart of Texas

Lyrics by June Hershey and music by Don Swander, 1941



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2023 Officers of the Prairie Oaks Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program

President: Katie Moses

Vice President: Dayna Inbody

Secretary: Bill Hopkins

Treasurer: James Gray

2023 Leadership Team of the Prairie Oaks Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program

New Training Class Director: Dr. Lynn Wood

Tarleton Instructor & Immediate Past President: Karen Aho
New Training Class Rep: Janet Dawson
Membership Director/VMS Administrator: Barbara Lever-Salter
Advanced Training Director: Doris Hasten
Volunteer Service Director: Stephanie Keith
Communication Director: Layne Cassidy
Outreach & Training Class Assistant: Dr. Linda Wood
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Nature Center: Meghan Peoples
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Advisor: Devin Erxeleben (Texas Parks & Wildlife)
Advisor: Dr. Sonja Swiger (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension)

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